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1. THE CITIZEN, JOHANNESBURG, FRIDAY JULY 22, UNDER THE
BY-LINE AIDA PARKER, CONTINUES ITS SERIES ON THE SECRET US
WAR AGAINST S.A. AS FOLLOWS:

QUOTE US TO BEAM BLACK RULE PROPAGANDA. MR. JOHN REINHARDT,
DIRECTOR OF THE US INFORMATION AGENCY, HAS JUST ANNOUNCED
IN WASHINGTON THAT THE VOICE OF AMERICA IS TO HAVE FOUR
NEW TRANSMITTERS BUILT SOMEWHERE IN AFRICA.

I CAN ALSO DISCLOSE THAT THESE TRANSMITTERS WILL BE
OFFICIALLY USED AS PART OF THE NEW US INITIATIVES FOR BLACK
RULE ON THE CONTINENT OF AFRICA. EFFECTIVELY, THEIR
TARGET WILL BE SOUTH AFRICA.

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OBJECT OF THE OPERATION IS TO MOBILISE WESTERN AND
AFRICAN OPINION AGAINST SOUTH AFRICA AND SO JUSTIFY, MORALLY
AND POLITICALLY, ANY DRASTIC ACTION THE CARTER ADMINISTRATION
PROPOSES TAKING IN ITS EFFORTS TO SUBVERT AND DESTABILISE THE
PRESENT ESTABLISHED RULE IN THIS COUNTRY.

IT IS THE LATEST SHOT IN WASHINGTON'S WAR OF WORDS AGAINST

SOUTH AFRICA; A NO-HOLDS-BARRED ATTACK WHICH VETERAN US JOURNALISTS HAVE DESCRIBED TO ME AS QUOTE POSSIBLY THE MOST INTENSIVE PROPAGANDA CAMPAIGN EVER WAGED AGAINST ANY COUNTRY, EITHER IN PEACE OR IN WAR, AT ANY TIME IN HISTORY UNQUOTE.

IN AMERICA ITSELF, NOTABLY IN NEW YORK, AND WASHINGTON, THE CAMPAIGN IN LARGE SECTIONS OF THE PRESS, RADIO AND TV HAS REACHED A LEVEL OF ALMOST HYSTERICAL HATRED, TO THE POINT WHERE AN OBJECTIVE ANALYSIS OF THE SOUTH AFRICAN SITUATION HAS BECOME ALMOST IMPOSSIBLE.

A VERY IMPORTANT PART OF THIS CAMPAIGN CONSISTS OF THE PUBLIC SPEECHES AND STATEMENTS MADE BY KEY MEMBERS OF THE WHITE HOUSE HIERARCHY. THIS PARTICULARLY APPLIES TO PRESIDENT CARTER HIMSELF, HIS UN AMBASSADOR, MR. ANDY YOUNG, SECRETARY OF STATE, MR. CYRUS VANCE, AND HEAD OF THE NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL, DR. BRZEZINSKI.

SCARCELY A WEEK GOES BY WITHOUT ONE OR OTHER PROMINENT MEMBER OF THE CARTER ADMINISTRATION ATTACKING SOUTH AFRICA IN AN OFFICIAL STATEMENT.

ONLY A FEW DAYS AGO MR. VANCE, ADDRESSING NAACP (NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF COLORED PEOPLE) SAID THAT IN SOUTHERN AFRICA THE ISSUES OF RACE, OF JUSTICE AND OF SELF-DETERMINATION ARE BUILDING UP TO A CRISIS.
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VIOLENCE WITHIN SOUTH AFRICA GREW ALL THE TIME.

TAKEN TOGETHER, THESE EMOTIONAL, OFTEN INFLAMMATORY SPEECHES, ARE CREATING A CRISIS ATMOSPHERE.

ONE EFFECT IS TO DISCOURAGE AMERICAN INVESTMENT IN SOUTH AFRICA. ANOTHER IS TO ENCOURAGE OPPOSITION TO THE COUNTRY. THAT IS WHY THE VARIOUS TRADE, DISINVESTMENT, BOYCOTT SPORT AND OTHER ANTI-SOUTH AFRICAN CAMPAIGNS IN THE UNIVERSITIES, CHURCH GROUPS, BLACK COMMUNITIES AND OTHER SECTIONAL INTERESTS ARE PROVING SO VERY SUCCESSFUL.

IT IS BECOMING INCREASINGLY CLEAR THAT THE CARTER ADMINISTRATION AND ESPECIALLY THE AFRICAN BUREAU OF THE STATE DEPARTMENT WILL - PROBABLY FAIRLY SOON - DECLARE OPEN SUPPORT OF THE TERRORIST MOVEMENTS OPERATING AGAINST RHODESIA, SOUTH WEST AFRICA AND SOUTH AFRICA.

INDEED, THE INFLUENTIAL US NEWS AND WORLD REPORT IN ITS EDITION OF JULY 13, 1977, REPORTS QUITE BLUNTLY, THAT THE US WILL BACK THESE LIBERATION MOVEMENTS IN WHITE-RULED SOUTHERN

AFRICA.

MANY INFLUENTIAL AMERICANS ARE BEGINNING TO QUESTION PRESIDENT
CARTER'S WHOLE AFRICA POLICY.

AT A PRIVATE MEETING ON CAPITOL HILL IN MID-JUNE THE FORMER
US SECRETARY OF STATE, DR. HENRY KISSINGER, TOLD A GROUP
OF AMERICAN CONGRESSMEN THAT IF THE ADMINISTRATION'S
PRESENT AFRICA POLICY IS NOT ALTERED, IT WILL LEAD TO A
COMMUNIST AFRICA AND/OR A CONTINENT-WIDE RACE WAR AND THE
EXPLOSION OF RACIAL TENSIONS THAT COULD WELL SPILL OVER INTO
BRITAIN AND THE US.

DR. KISSINGER SAID THAT THE POLICY OF THE NIXON AND FORD
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ADMINISTRATIONS HAD BEEN TO TRY TO STEER A COURSE THAT
WOULD BRING MODERATE BLACKS INTO LEADERSHIP POSITIONS IN
RHODESIA AND SOUTH WEST AFRICA AND PROTECT THE WHITE
MINORITIES, QUOTE WHILE THE CARTER ADMINISTRATION IS
SEEKING TO ENCOURAGE THE MOST RADICAL OF THE TERRORISTS AND
HAD NO CONCERN WHATSOEVER FOR THE WHITE MINORITIES UNQUOTE.

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DR. KISSINGER'S WORDS PROVIDE THE CLEAREST POSSIBLE
WARNING TO SOUTH AFRICANS OF WHAT THEY ARE NOW UP AGAINST.

NOW COMES THE MILLION DOLLAR QUESTION: HOW SHOULD THIS
COUNTRY REACT, ESPECIALLY IN THE FACE OF THE CURRENT
DEADLY PROPAGANDA ONSLAUGHT?

SOUTH AFRICANS WHOSE JOB IT IS TO "PATTERN" THE US PROPAGANDA
CAMPAIGN SAY THAT IT IS OBVIOUS THAT (1) MUCH OF THE
MEDIA ATTACK IS BASED ON INFORMATION LEAKED BY THE STATE
DEPARTMENT AND THE CIA; (2) MUCH OF THIS INFORMATION COMES
DIRECTLY FROM SOUTH AFRICA; (3) THERE APPEARS TO BE A GOLDEN
THREAD RUNNING THROUGH BOTH PRESS AND ELECTRONIC MEDIA REPORTS
PROVIDING A CONTINUOUS THEME.

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MORE AND MORE PEOPLE ARE LOOKING AT THE US GOVERNMENT
INFORMATION SERVICES OPERATING IN SOUTH AFRICA: AGENCIES WHICH
ACCORDING TO MR. REINHARDT, WILL SOON BE EXPANDED WITH THE
APPOINTMENT OF A FULL-TIME VOICE OF AMERICA CORRESPONDENT
IN JOHANNESBURG.

AFTER RECENT DISCLOSURES IN THIS SERIES ABOUT THE
OPERATIONS OF THE US INFORMATION SERVICE BRANCH OFFICE IN
SOWETO, HEAVILY STOCKED WITH REFERENCE WORKS ON THE AMERICAN
CIVIL RIGHTS MOVEMENT, MANY CONCERNED READERS URGED THAT THE
USIS BE SUSPENDED, BECAUSE:

1. IT WAS INDULGING IN ACTIVITIES OUTSIDE THE CONFINES OF
NORMAL DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS.

2. IT WAS INVOLVING ITSELF IN SOUTH AFRICA'S DOMESTIC
AND POLITICAL SITUATION.

MOST ANALYSTS CONSIDER SUCH ACTION AGAINST THE USIS
INADVISABLE, LEADING AS IT ALMOST CERTAINLY WOULD TO
SIMILAR CURBS ON SOUTH AFRICAN INFORMATION EFFORTS INSIDE
THE US.

IT IS HOWEVER, SUGGESTED THAT THE SOUTH AFRICAN GOVERNMENT
SERIOUSLY CONSIDER IMPOSING ON AMERICAN INFORMATION OFFICIALS
OPERATING IN THIS COUNTRY THE SAME CURBS APPLIED BY AMERICA
ITSELF TO OUTSIDE INFORMATION OFFICERS THERE UNDER THE
FOREIGN AGENTS REGISTRATION ACT.

THIS ACT WAS INITIALLY PASSED IN THE US TO CURTAIL THE
ACTIVITIES OF THE DEUTSCHE BOND, A PRO-GERMAN FIFTH COLUMN
OF GERMAN-AMERICANS OPERATING IN THE US IN THE EARLY 40'S
BEFORE AMERICA ENTERED WORLD WAR 11.

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CRISIS OF 1963, AGAINST RHODESIA AFTER UDI IN 1965,
AND PROGRESSIVELY AGAINST SOUTH AFRICA SINCE 1974. IN
TERMS OF THIS ACT:

1. ALL INFORMATION OFFICERS, NOT DIRECTLY ATTACHED TO AN
EMBASSY OR CONSULATE-GENERAL, MUST REGISTER WITH THE
DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE AS FOREIGN AGENTS.
2. ARE REQUIRED TO FILE WITH THE DEPARTMENT, ON A SIX-
MONTHLY BASIS FULL DETAILS OF ALL INFORMATION ACTIVITIES,
THIS FOR EACH AND EVERY OFFICER.
3. THIS INCLUDES THE FILING OF EVERY PUBLICATION, BROCHURE,
PAMPHLET AND PRESS RELEASE OR ANY OTHER STATEMENT ISSUED.
4. MUST FILE TEXT AND ALL DETAILS OF ALL LECTURES AND
TALKS IN CLUBS, SCHOOLS, UNIVERSITIES OR TO THE GENERAL
PUBLIC, TOGETHER WITH TIME, VENUE AND OTHER RELEVANT
DETAILS.
5. ALL LOBBYISTS AND ADVERTISING AGENCIES OPERATING FOR FOREIGN
GOVERNMENTS MUST EQUALLY BE REGISTERED AS FOREIGN AGENTS.

OVER AND ABOVE THESE CHECKS THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE HAS THE
RIGHT TO EXAMINE ALL OFFICES AND ALL FILES OF THESE
INFORMATION SERVICES - EVEN, IF REQUIRED, THE HOMES OF
INFORMATION STAFF.

SO RIGOROUSLY ENFORCED ARE THESE REGULATIONS THAT THE
RHODESIAN INFORMATION OFFICES IN WASHINGTON WERE RECENTLY
OCCUPIED FOR A FORTNIGHT BY JUSTICE OFFICIALS, EXAMINING
EVERY PIECE OF CORRESPONDENCE ON FILE. IT IS KNOWN TOO,
THAT THE S.A. INFORMATION OFFICE IN SAN FRANCISCO HAS
RECENTLY BEEN SUBJECTED TO INTENSIVE SCRUTINY.

IN THE US IT IS ALSO A PUBLIC MISDEMEANOUR FOR ANY FOREIGN
GOVERNMENT TO INVITE ANY US SENATOR OR CONGRESSMAN TO TRAVEL
AS ITS GUEST. SOME DO COME TO SOUTH AFRICA AS GUESTS OF
ORGANIZATIONS SUCH AS THE SOUTH AFRICAN FOUNDATION OR THE
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FOREIGN AFFAIRS ASSOCIATION, BUT IT IS A MERE TRICLE - AND THESE HOST ASSOCIATIONS ARE UNDER A CONSTANT BARRAGE OF US SLUR AND INNUENDO.

OFFICIALS. THE CURRENT UPROAR OVER A GUEST OF THE SOUTH AFRICAN FOUNDATION IS LIKELY TO MAKE AMERICAN POLITICIANS MORE RELUCTANT THAN EVER TO VISIT THIS COUNTRY ON SPONSORED VISITS.

AGAINST THIS, AMERICAN INFORMATION OFFICIALS IN THIS COUNTRY OPERATE WITHOUT ANY LEGAL INHIBITIONS WHATSOEVER. THEY TRAVEL WHERE THEY LIKE, MEET WHOM THEY LIKE, ADDRESS WHOM THEY LIKE, SHOW WHATEVER FILMS THEY LIKE, REGULARLY VISIT THE UNIVERSITIES, ESPECIALLY THE BLACK UNIVERSITIES, AND HAVE STRONG ASSOCIATIONS WITH THE LABOR MOVEMENTS, ESPECIALLY THE BLACK LABOR MOVEMENTS.

A TOP PRETORIA SOURCE SAID: QUOTE POSSIBLY THIS IS THE TIME FOR THE SA GOVERNMENT TO CONSIDER IMPOSING SIMILAR RESTRICTIONS ON USIS OFFICERS HERE. WE ARE UP AGAINST PEOPLE WITH NO APPARENT WISH TO OBEY NORMAL DIPLOMATIC PROCEDURES. IF WE ARE GOING TO FIGHT, LET'S FIGHT IN THE SAME RING, WITH THE SAME WEAPONS. UNQUOTE.

IF THE USIS HAD TO SPECIFY ITS ACTIVITIES, THEN PERHAPS WE COULD KEEP TABS ON THE BLACK MILITANTS THEY WINE AND DINE; THE JOURNALISTS, POLITICIANS AND LABOR LEADERS WHO ENJOY SO MANY SPONSORED TRIPS TO THE US; MORE PARTICULARLY, THE TYPE OF PROPAGANDA IT DISSEMINATES SO GENEROUSLY IN SOUTH AFRICA. UNQUOTE.
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